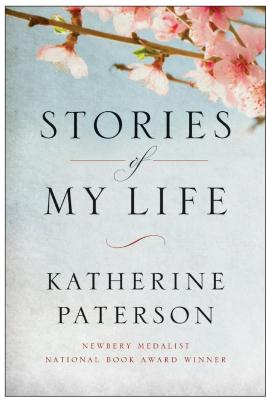
Book Club Questions for Katherine Paterson's *Stories of My Life*



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Which of Katherine Paterson's books have you read? Which is your favorite? If her other books are new to you, which of those mentioned in *Stories of My Life* most caught your attention?

Did you know about Katherine's history before you read *Stories of My Life*? What did you find surprising or notable?

Why does Katherine call these "kitchen sink stories"? How have your family stories been shared between generations?

How did Katherine's years in China and Japan influence the writer she has become?

What did Katherine mean when she told her mother, "All my books are about the day I didn't get any valentines"?

How do you think authors can best weave real life into fiction? What is the difference between fact and truth? Where do you see this in Katherine's work?

Katherine mentions many relationships as influential to her life and work. What role do you think other people play in the creative life of a writer?

Katherine says grace is the thread that connects all that she has written. What do you think that means? What thread connects the stories of your own life?

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